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Lawmakers praise local business for modern advancements on tradition of excellence

GRAND LEDGE - State Sen. Patty Birkholz and state Rep. Rick Jones today celebrated the arrival of Millbrook Printing Company's new state-of-the-art printing press during an open house at the company's Grand Ledge headquarters.

"Millbrook has a wonderful tradition of innovation and creativity and it's great to see them continue to be trailblazers," said Birkholz, R-Saugatuck Township. "Like Johann Gutenberg, the inventor of the modern printing press, they have led their industry and remained at the forefront of their craft by adapting and improving."

The Akiyama J Print 40" 5/5 Perfector press is the only one of its kind in the Midwest United States. The new press will allow the company to stay ahead of its competitors by serving its customers with better scheduling, higher quality and lower prices.

"In a time when many companies have left Michigan, Millbrook has the foresight and commitment to remain in Grand Ledge as they have for 40 years," said Jones, R-Grand Ledge. "We must do everything we can to encourage strong community-based businesses like Millbrook that strengthen Michigan's economy."

The lawmakers presented a special tribute and joined the staff and management of Millbrook in signing a banner celebrating the arrival of the new press.

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